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SOME DIFFERENCES

1. INAUGURATION OF WORK ON TURNU MAGURELE NIKOPOL HYDRO-
ELECTRIC PROJECT ON DANUBE APRIL 5 WAS OCCASION FOR
SPEECHES (ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS TEXTS) BY CEAUSESCU AND
ZHIVKOV, AS WELL AS JOINT COMMUNIQUE. COMPARISON OF
SPEECHES REVEALS SEVERAL DIFFERENCES IN DETAIL OR IN
EMPHASIS, AND BY OMISSION, WHICH WE THINK WORTHY OF
NOTE.

-- CSCE: ZHIVKOV SPOKE OF ATTEMPTS AT BELGRADE TO
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TO REVISE HELSINKI FINAL ACT INTO INSTRUMENT FOR INTER-
FERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF SOCIALIST STATES AS HAVING FAILED.
CEAUSESCU REAFFIRMED ROMANIA'S COMMITMENT TO FINAL ACT
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO BELGRADE. COMMUNIQUE SPEAKS OF
WIDE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, FAILURE TO REACH CONSENSUS ON
NUMBER OF ISSUES, REAFFIRMATION OF DETENTE, APPLICATION
OF FINAL ACT AS A WHOLE, AND "POSITIVE DECISION" FOR NEW

MEETING AT MADRID.

-- ARMS CONTROL/DISARMAMENT: CEAUSESCU MENTIONED ONLY MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT VERY BRIEFLY IN PASSAGE ON HELSINKI. ZHIVKOV SPOKE AT LENGTH ON DISARMAMENT IN ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS AND THEN REMARKED THAT "WE (BULGARIANS) PROMPTLY SUPPORTED" SOVIET INITIATIVE TO BAN ERW AND WENT ON TO NAME ROMANIA AMONG SOCIALIST STATES SPONSORING SOVIET RESOLUTION AT GENEVA--CERTAINLY A POINTED REMINDER TO CEAUSESCU, IF NOT AN OURRIGHT JIBE FOR GOR'S VIRTUAL BOYCOTT OF WARSAW PACT CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BOMB. DESPITE ZHIVKOV'S POINTED WORDS, COMMUNIQUE MADE ONLY SINGLE REFERENCE TO "GENERAL AND TOTAL DISARMAMENT."

--MIDDLE EAST: CEAUSESCU SPOKE OF NECESSITY OF "ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED..." AND OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE: HE MADE NO MENTION F RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE, OF PLO IN ANY CONTEXT, OR OF LEBANON. ZHIVKOV CONDEMNED ISRAELI AGRESSION IN LEBANON AS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE PLO FROM POLITICAL SCENE, STATED NECESSITY OF "ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967," AND ASSERTED THAT WAY TO PEACE LAY THROUGH GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING PLO. COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE COINCIDED ESSENTIALLY WITH ZHIVKOV'S REMARKS, BUT CONFIRMED RESPECTIVE STATEMENTS ON LEBANON, WHILE CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.
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--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: ZHIVKOV USED TRADITIONAL FORMULATIONS ON COHESION OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS MOVEMENTS, MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM. CEAUSESCU SPOKE IN TERMS OF EQUAL RIGHTS, RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, NON-INTERFERENCE, RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGE AND RENUNCIATION OF FORCE AND THREAT OF FORCE, AS WELL AS NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. COMMUNIQUE NEATLY COMBINED BOTH, SAVE FOR OMISSION LAST POINT.

-- BALKAN COOPERATION: ZHIVKOV SPOKE GENERALLY OF "DEEPENING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE BALKAN PEOPLES" WHILE CEAUSESCU SPOKE OF "NEED FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN ALL SPHERES" AND CITED HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT IN CONTEXT OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT AS WELL AS BALKAN COOPERATION. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO BALKANS IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. SEPTEL WILL FOLLOW ON CHARGE'S DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT APRIL 6 WITH BULGARIAN DCM.
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